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S/S FOR EX; BRUSSELS FOR USDET SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO RIYADH

REF: STATE 290283

1. USLO RIYADH MET DECEMBER 7, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ROYAL PROTOCOL REGARDING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO RIYADH, DECEMBER 14-15. SAG CORDIALLY EXTENDS INVITATION FOR SECRETARY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY TO STAY IN ROYAL GUEST PALACE (NASARIYYA). OFFICES FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT, SECRETARIAT, SENIOR STAFF, SECURITY AND EMBASSY WILL BE LOCATED AT GUEST PALACE. HOST GOVERNMENT INTENDS LODGE 25 PRESS AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL WHERE PRESS ROOM AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES ARE BEING INSTALLED. STATE COMMUNICATIONS WILL ALSO BE LOCATED AT THIS HOTEL AS WELL AS OTHER ADVANCE PERSONNEL. CREW OF SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT WILL BE STAYING AT SAHARI PALACE HOTEL LOCATED ACROSS FROM AIRPORT TERMINAL.

2. ROYAL PROTOCOL ASKED FOR SOME TIME BEFORE SETTING PRECISE SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY. THEY WILL FURNISH FINAL DETAILS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10. PRINCE SAUD, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WILL

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DEFINITELY MEET SECRETARY AT AIRPORT AND EXCORT HIM TO GUEST HOUSE. ROYAL PROTOCOL ASKED THAT SECRETARY BE TOLD THAT HE IS MOST WELCOME AND THAT HE SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT HIS MAJESTY AND OTHER OFFICIALS, WHO ARE IN RIYADH, WILL BE AT COMPLETE DISPOSAL OF SECRETARY DURING XYIS STAY. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS.

3. VISA WAIVER: VISA FORMALITIES ARE BEING WAIVED FOR ALL

PSRSODJS ARRIVING WITH SECRETARY. ROYAL PROTOCOL WILL ASSIST ENTRY OF ADVANCE PERSONNEL ARRIVING WITHOUT VISAS BUT ONLY IF THEY ENTER KINGDOM IN RIYADH.

4. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE: THESE FORMALITIES WILL BE WAIVED FOR PERSONS ARRIVING ON BOARD SECRETARY'S PLANE. WE WILL ATTEMPT ASSIST ALL OTHERS ARRIVING INDIVIDUALLY.

5. PER APRAGRAPH 18 REFTEL, FOLLOWING ARE APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN RIYADH:

AIRPORT TO U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION- 3 MINUTES
AIRPORT TO INTERCONTINENTAL - 7 MINUTES
INTERCONTINENTAL TO GUEST PALACE - 5 MINUTES
GUEST PALACE TO KING'S PALACE - 5 MINUTES
GUEST PALACE TO USLO - 15 MINUTES
USLO TO AIRPORT - 9 MINUTES
U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION TO INTERCONTINENTAL - 7 MINUTES
USLO TO U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION - 8 MINUTES

6. REGARDING PARA 18 (2), THERE ARE NO SPECIAL LOCAL CONDITIONS, HOLIDAYS, STRIKES, ETC., WHICH MIGHT AFFECT VISIT.

7. PARA 18(3) - THERE ARE NO SPECIAL CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. DRESS FOR DINNER IN EVENING WILL BE DARK SUIT.

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8. ELECTRICITY IN GUEST PALACE IS 220V 60 CYCLES.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR CHET POLLEY WILL MEET PIPER AT PLANESIDE.

10. HAVE JUST SEEN STATE 290280. WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE ANSWERS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH ROYAL PROTOCOL ON DECEMBER 10.
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